

Congressman will spearhead Policy Committee efforts on veterans' issues

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Washington, D.C. -Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Palm Harbor) has been named Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee Veterans' Affairs Task Force. In this position, Bilirakis will spearhead the Policy Committee's efforts to address veterans' issues. He will have the authority to conduct hearings and arrange for speakers to educate him and his colleagues on veterans' issues.

"I am honored and humbled that my colleagues have chosen me to chair this vital task force," Congressman Bilirakis said. "I pledge to work with all interested parties to drive a policy that puts veterans and their families first, ensuring they receive the support and services they have earned."

The current chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (MI-11), had the following to say about Bilirakis' appointment: "Gus' intelligence and integrity command the respect of our entire Republican Conference. Like his Florida constituents, we are all fortunate to have his talents working on behalf of veterans of our nation."

Rep. Bilirakis is a Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and has already introduced nine bills to assist veterans and their families on a variety of issues, including employment and benefits.

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